

# WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight; tomorrow, a cold, probably rain; somewhat colder tomorrow.  
Temperature for twenty-four hours ended at 3 p.m. today: Highest, 73, at 11 a.m.; lowest, 50, at 7 a.m. today.  
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## HOUSE ASKED TO EXPEL BLANTON FOR REMARKS PRINTED IN THE RECORD

Publication of Alleged Obscene Language in Connection With Printing Office Employee Under Leave to Extend Speech Brings Storm of Protest.

## VOTE TO OUST SET FOR THURSDAY; TEXAS MEMBER ABSENT FROM FLOOR

Declared to Be Out of City or Immediate Action Would Have Been Taken—Complained of Passages Are Expurgated From Official Document by Overwhelming Vote.

For the first time in the history of the American Congress a resolution to expel a sitting member was introduced by the House leader, when Representative Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming, after a conference with Speaker Gillett and the steering committee, today offered a resolution to expel Representative Thomas L. Blanton, democrat, of Texas, for obscene remarks printed in the Congressional Record of Saturday last under leave to extend his remarks.

Action on Thursday morning, immediately after the reading of the journal, and the sergeant-at-arms has been instructed to deliver a copy of the resolution to Representative Blanton wherever he may be found.

Representative Blanton was not on the floor today, although a roll call was ordered and special effort made to notify him to be present. Had Mr. Blanton been on the floor it was the intention of the House leader to call for action immediately upon the resolution of expulsion.

### Text of Resolution.

The resolution introduced by House Leader Mondell follows:

Whereas, Thomas L. Blanton, of the seventh district of the state of Texas, did on October 4, 1921, ask permission to extend his remarks in the Congressional Record, upon the improvement of the government printing office, which consent was granted by the House; and  
Whereas, under such permission the said Thomas L. Blanton did in fact cause to be printed in the Congressional Record of Saturday, October 22, 1921, obscene and indecent language, unbecomingly and contrary to the rules of the House, derogatory to the dignity and in violation of its confidence, there is therefore it is Resolved, That Thomas L. Blanton, by his conduct as aforesaid, has forfeited all rights to sit as a representative in the Sixty-sixth Congress, and is hereby expelled from the House, and to be no longer a member of this House.

Blanton Absent.

Upon conclusion of the reading of the resolution, Mr. Mondell announced that Representative Blanton's office had been notified it would be introduced.

"But he did not answer to his name," Mr. Mondell said.

"This is a very serious matter," the House leader continued, "but it does not seem to be so to the gentleman with his consideration in his absence."

Mr. Mondell then gave notice that it would be called up tomorrow, but the suggestion of Representative Blanton, the time for a vote on the resolution was fixed for noon Thursday.

Another resolution for Blanton's expulsion was prepared by Representative Mondell, and was introduced into the House, where it was referred to the committee on House Administration.

The Nebraska's resolution charged the publication of the offending affidavit in the Record "made it unavailable and liable to criminal prosecution and punishment" if they knowingly had caused it to be printed.

Similar Action 80 Years Ago.

The nearest approach to a similar action in the entire history of Congress was first seen in 1841, when Representative Giddings of Ohio nearly eighty years ago, Representative Giddings was first expelled from the House for a similar offense. While still serving in the Twenty-seventh Congress on March 22, 1842, he resigned his seat to become a member of the United States circuit court for the district of New York, and was at that time father of the House, being elected speaker of the House, and was appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court of New York.

In the Thirty-ninth Congress Erasmus H. Matteson of New York resigned before a resolution of expulsion was presented.

Representative Roberts of Utah was not allowed to take the seat to which he had been elected because he was a Mormon and accused of having three wives.

## HUNT TRAIN ROBBERS WHO KILLED 6 PERSONS

Mexican Troops Trail Bandits Who Escaped With Packages Valued at 200,000 Pesos.

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, October 25.—Government troops were engaged today in tracking a band of highwaymen which last night held up an express train at Atzacapatzco, a suburb of this city, killing six persons, wounding five others and robbing the express car of packages valued at 200,000 pesos.

After looting the express car the robbers threw their booty into automobiles and vanished into the hills.

The shipment of valuable express was guarded by soldiers and when the train was stopped by the highwaymen the troops engaged in a sharp fight with the bandits. So far as known all the bandits were killed.

Last night that there were no American passengers on the train. The train had pulled out of Mexico City on its way to Laredo.

## RECLASSIFICATION IN EFFECT BY NOV. 1

Efficiency Rating Order

Machinery Already Set to Establish Uniform System of Rating Employees.

EFFICIENCY AND REVISION OF WORK AND PAY SOUGHT

President's Announcement Creates Interest—Long Standing Inequalities Will Be Fixed.

The executive order announced at the White House late yesterday, directing the United States bureau of efficiency to establish a uniform system of efficiency rating for the entire federal service in Washington, will result in (1) establishment of practical reclassification of work and pay, and (2) establishment of a merit system under which those who work earnestly can win promotion, through proper efficiency.

This is the opinion of Herbert D. Brown, director of the bureau of efficiency, who said today that the system of efficiency rating has been put into effect by November 1 throughout the entire government service.

One of the most important factors, Mr. Brown believes, is that the application of this system will be a practical demonstration of what reclassification requires, removing all the clouds and fog of academic speculation. It will demonstrate clearly, he says, how the government employees in many cases are greatly underpaid.

Mr. Brown was in conference today with representatives from the various executive departments to agree on the course of procedure to that the establishment of the new system could be made promptly and with a minimum of delay.

Mr. Brown said that already reclassification of the various departments into the federal service incident to reorganization, brought the representatives of the executive departments into the closest cooperation with the bureau of efficiency.

Three Basic Factors.

The plan outlined by Mr. Brown in conference with the representatives of the executive departments bases the efficiency rating upon three basic factors: (1) Standard pay, (2) quantity of work, and (3) quality of work.

"You can't say whether a man is underpaid or not until you adopt a standard," Mr. Brown explained.

The question has been raised by some persons whether the present pay scale is a fair one, and Mr. Brown said that the executive order will have no effect on statutory pay, but that the present scale is a fair one.

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THE THIRD EXIT.

## D. C. PLAYGROUND SURVEY REQUESTED

Senator Capper Asks Full Probe of Conditions on Suggestion of Mrs. Swanton.

Secretary Davis of the Department of Labor was today requested by Senator Capper of Kansas to instruct the children's bureau of the Department of Labor to make a survey of the Washington playground situation.

Senator Capper, chairman of the joint congressional committee on schools in the District, in his letter to Secretary Davis, expressed the opinion that the playgrounds provided for children in the National Capital were inadequate.

He suggested that the committee should make a survey of the playground situation in the District, and that the committee should make a survey of the playground situation in the District.

Senator Capper took the matter up with Secretary Davis on the suggestion of Mrs. Lucy R. Swanton, chairman of the National Playground Union, a committee of the National Capital.

A letter from Mrs. Swanton to Senator Capper pointed out that the playgrounds in the District were inadequate.

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## Rubber-Tired Car Found Hauling Rum On Border Railroad

SPOKANE, Wash., October 25.—Liquor runners have been bringing liquor across the Canadian border at night on a rubber-tired, power-driven hauler.

The hauler was found on the Spokane Falls and Northern railway, according to Sheriff H. C. Graham of Stevens county, who announced today he had seized the car and a cache of liquor, valued at \$4,000.

The seizure was made near Marcus, Wash., about seventy-five miles north of here.

## PRESENT INCOME TAX RATE VOTED

Senate Approves Levy of 4 Per Cent on First \$4,000 of Earnings.

Normal tax rates of 4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of income and 8 per cent on all over that amount were approved today by the Senate without a record vote.

These are the rates now in force.

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## POSTPONE OPENING OF ARMS PARLE

Conference Now Expected to Begin on Day After Events of Armistice Day.

Present indications are, although no official decision has yet been reached, that for practical reasons the initial meeting of the arms limitation and far eastern conference may be held the day following Armistice day.

It is found that the program for the observance of Armistice day, in memory of the unknown dead of the late war, in which delegates to the conference will participate, will occupy nearly the entire day, events commencing as early as 8:30 o'clock in the morning and continuing until a late hour in the afternoon.

It is held that the sentiment of the occasion will be preserved in the calling of the conference for November 11, and that the actual opening could be postponed twenty-four hours without detracting from the sentimental effect.

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## PRESIDENT AND PARTY ON FOUR-DAY JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOUTH

President Harding left Washington at 9 o'clock this morning on a special train for a four-day trip through the south, his first visit to that section since his inauguration.

Source addresses are to be made by the President during the trip—two at Birmingham, Ala., which city is celebrating the semi-centennial of its founding, and one at Atlanta. A stop will be made at Camp Benning, Ga., for inspection of the infantry school there.

The President was accompanied by Mrs. Harding, Secretaries Weeks and Fall, Senator and Mrs. Underwood of Alabama, Lt. Gen. B. Christian, Jr., secretary to the President, and Brig. Gen. Sawyer, the President's physician.

The special train is expected to make the run to Birmingham with a stop at Atlanta on Wednesday morning, and to return to Washington on Friday morning.

The entire day will be spent there, more than half a dozen events being on the President's program, including Birmingham early in the evening, the presidential party will arrive at Camp Benning on Thursday evening with the arrival in Washington timed so as to permit holding of the Friday cabinet meeting.

Weeks plans to leave the party at Atlanta and to return to Alabama for an inspection of the Tuskegee army plant and power project, the disposal of which is before the War Department.

## UNION CHAIRMEN ADVISED BY STONE TO IGNORE ORDER

Chairman Barton Insists All Be Present at Meeting Tomorrow.

MR. DAUGHERTY SOUNDS WARNING TO LEADER

Says He Will Not Have Public Support—United States May Draft Rail Workers.

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, October 25.—The United States Railroad Labor Board went into executive session this afternoon to consider the situation arising in the misunderstanding on the part of some of the big four brotherhood leaders as to the meaning of the board's order summoning 1,400 general chairmen of the unions to attend the hearing here tomorrow.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, October 25.—W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today corroborated reports that he had advised the general chairmen of the engineers that they need not respond to the citation of the Railroad Labor Board to appear before the board in Chicago tomorrow by making public telegrams exchanged between Stone and M. Barton of the board and the "big five" executives.

Chairman Barton last night wired President Stone that the board's order was not intended to mean that the executives' reply, sent this morning by the board, and explains that the general chairmen of the unions have no authority to act on matters pertaining to settlement of the proposed strike, this authority being invested in the grand officers and the executive committee only.

Message to Stone. Chairman Barton's message to Mr. Stone follows:

"We are receiving word from chairmen that they have been advised by you that they need not attend the hearing tomorrow. This is not meaning of board's order in view of your statement to board as to intent of the board's order. The board desires their presence."

The reply to